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Amendment to Joint Resolution

Mr. Hudson's explanation of Senator Blake's amendment to the Joint Resolution:

Senator Blake's amendment would add two new "Whereas" clauses to the Joint Resolution. One is about nuclear energy and accounts for approximately 40% of electricity in North Carolina. North Carolina is one of the top nuclear power producing states in the country and nuclear energy needs to be a safe and reliable and clean resource.

The second "Whereas" clause makes reference to the US Secretary of Energy's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future. It makes some recommendations in that Blue Ribbon Commissions reports to the "Whereas" clause references those. Then the substance portion of the amendment would amend Section 5 of the Joint Resolution to read as set out in the amendment and basically states that the federal government should put in place immediately the governance and financial reforms recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission.

The amendment also adds a new Section 6 that expresses the opinion of the General Assembly that the US Department of Energy should resume work on the Yucca Mountain facility for long-term spent nuclear fuel and then conforming changes to the subsequent sections accordingly.